



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3094 **National Park Centennial Fund Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 7, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 3094 would establish the National Park Centennial Fund and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to spend amounts in the new fund for park initiatives on education, diversity, environmental leadership, and other themes. The bill would provide \$30 million, which would be available without further appropriation, for this purpose for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2018. Finally, the bill would repeal the authority of the Secretary to enter into contracts to acquire land using amounts in the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3094 would increase direct spending by \$260 million over the 2009-2018 period and by \$40 million after 2018. The bill also would reduce contract authority, a form of budget authority, by \$30 million a year beginning in fiscal year 2009; that change would have no effect on outlays.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3094 is shown in the following table. The effects of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars													
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2009-2018	2009-2018	
CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING													
Spending from the National Park Centennial Fund													
Budget Authority	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	150	300	
Estimated Outlays	8	16	26	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	110	260	
Repeal of LWCF Contract Authority													
Budget Authority	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-150	-300	
Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Net Change in Direct Spending													
Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Estimated Outlays	8	16	26	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	110	260	

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 3094 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit \$30 million a year over the 2009-2018 period into a new National Park Centennial Fund. Amounts in the fund would be available, without further appropriation, to carry out projects at units of the National Park System. The projects would focus on themes specified by the bill and could involve developing new interpretive programs, constructing new facilities, or improving park practices and operations.

Based on spending patterns for similar park projects, CBO estimates that the National Park Service (NPS) would spend \$8 million in 2009 and \$260 million over the 2009-2018 period. (An additional \$40 million would be spent after 2018.)

Section 8 would repeal the \$30 million of contract authority provided each year for land acquisition by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. We estimate that this provision would have no effect on direct spending because that contract authority is not presently used by the NPS, and CBO does not expect that it will be over the 2009-2018 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3094 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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